

**B. SDMC Amendments necessary to adopt the 2001 California Fire Code**

1. Chapter 5 Article 5 Division 10

a. Add the following text:

**§1001.5.3.1 Problematic Systems and Systems Out of Service.** In the event that a fire-protection system fails, is out of service for any reason, or experiences an excessive number of accidental activations, the chief is authorized to require the building owner or occupant to provide fire watch personnel until the system is repaired or restored.

Such individuals shall be provided with at least one approved means for notification of the fire department and their only duty shall be to perform constant patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires.

**Reason:** There is a need to differentiate between a “failure” of a fire-protection system and instances where the system is out of service for some other reason. In order to ensure the public’s safety, the chief must have the power to require a fire watch under any circumstances where the water supply to a fire-protection system is suspended or interrupted.